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PATENT



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Applicants: Liu and Chen

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For: HUMAN UNCOUPLING PROTEIN 3

Examiner:

K. C. Carlson, Ph.D.

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed April 15, 2004, please consider Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Allowance of claims 1-9, and 16-19 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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